

REMARKS

In the Office Action of August 16, 2006, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement requesting the Applicant to elect one of three sub-combinations identified by the Examiner. Specifically, the Examiner identified Group A as including claims 1-30 and 33-61; Group B including claims 31, 62 and 63; and Group C including claim 32.

By the present Response, the Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group A, including claims 1-30 and 33-61, without traverse. The Applicant has withdrawn claims 31, 32, 62 and 63.

Since the Applicant has elected to prosecute Group A, the Examiner has also issued a species election requiring the Applicant to elect between one of three species of the invention should no generic claim be finally held allowable.

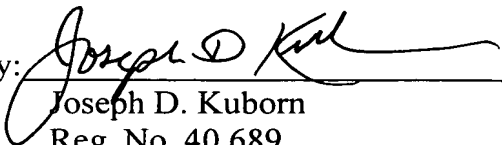
By the present Response, the Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Species 1, including claims 1-3, 8-30, 33-35 and 40-61.

Thus, by the present Response, the Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group A, including claims 1-30 and 33-61 and Species 1, including claims 1-3, 8-30, 33-35 and 40-61.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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